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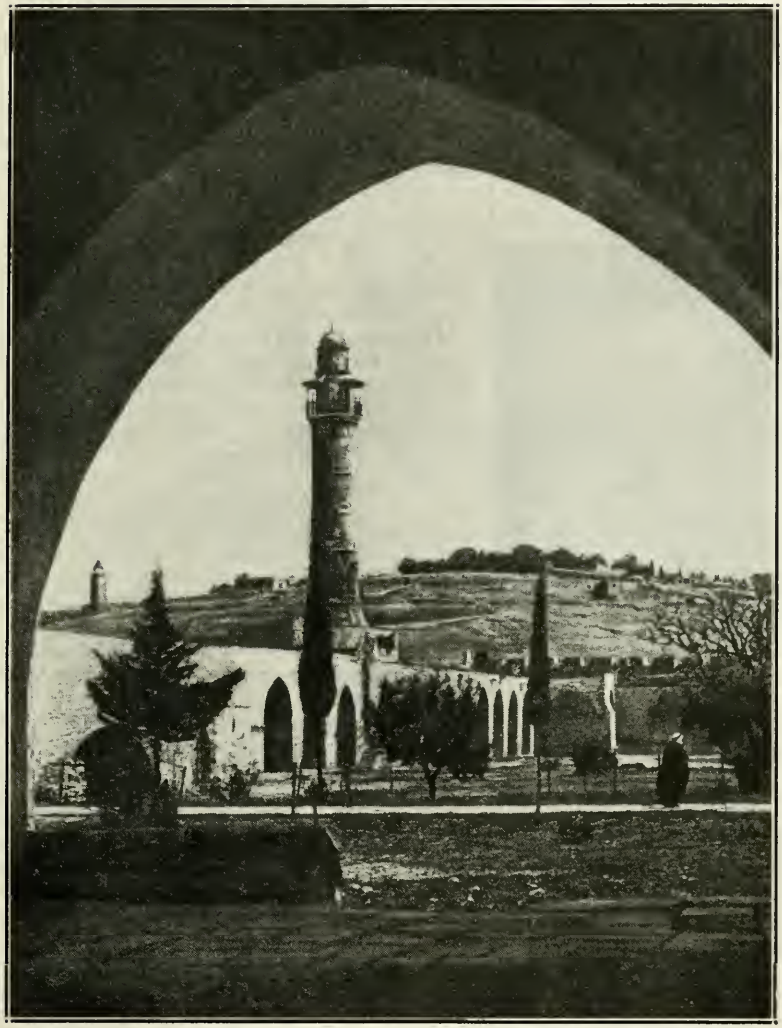

The Mount of Olives

It Was the Scene of a Unique Dedication.

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FINDING GOD—THE GREATEST GIFT

By Elder Don B. Colton

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CAN God be found? This question—a vital one, perplexes men and seeks solution. It provokes a line of thought which I desire to follow.

Recently a young man said to me very frankly: "I do not know whether there is a God or whether we have revelations from Him or not, but certainly nothing in the wide world would be more desirable than to know Him, if God can be known and if He has really revealed Himself in this day."

Nation-wide Photo.

Don B. Colton

"God can be found!"

The question confronting this uncertain, but honest and open-minded youth, is one of the greatest problems confronting our young people today.

If God can be found, as we affirm He can, if we can learn something more of His character and His attributes, and if we can learn the steps necessary to find Him, then no study in the world is more worthwhile.

The greatest gift man can seek is this very knowledge—the knowledge of God. The Saviour Himself said: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17 : 3.)

Our latter-day Prophet recognized the prime importance of knowing God. According to the first article of our faith, "We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

It has been said: "If our concept of Deity is vague and indefinite, our convictions of right and wrong will be wavering and uncertain. If, for instance, we think of the Creator merely as a formless, ever-present spirit, or energy, our belief in Him is not likely to influence our conduct greatly. But if we have fixed in our minds the definite thought that God is a glorified personage, having human form, actually hearing and answering our prayers, our faith in Him will vitally shape our lives."

For years skeptics have argued and have attempted to prove that the forces governing the universe are unorganized, unintelligent, purposeless. They have taught that this universe was assembled and is ruled by chance.

After more than thirty years of careful study of this question, I do not hesitate to say that such a position does not square with reason nor with any of the known and accepted rules of acquiring knowledge.

Are the multitudinous glorious things about us, the sun, the stars, the trees, birds and flowers, and the countless evidences of life, are they all the result of mere chance? Does chance govern

the planets in their orbits, the earth in its movements, the alternating seasons of the year?

We are not fully justified in saying we do not know the source of all these wonderful things until we have exhausted every means of knowing. If others may know, we may know.

Man, with all his wisdom, cannot duplicate life. Can we attribute this supreme creation to chance? Reason gives the answer and it is emphatically, "No."

The author of that inspirational little book, *Finding God in Millersville*, makes the following statement:

> It takes a girl in our factory about two days to learn to put the seventeen parts of a meat chopper together. It may be that these millions of worlds, each with its separate orbit, all balanced so wonderfully in space—it may be that they just happened; it may be that by a billion years of tumbling about they finally arranged themselves. I don't know. I am merely a plain manufacturer of cutlery. But this I do know, that you can shake the seventeen parts of a meat chopper around in a washtub for the next seventeen billion years and you'll never make a meat chopper.
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> The world might have created itself, I said to myself, but the world couldn't have created something greater than itself. The creature can't be greater than the creator. And human personality is greater than the world. To create personality there must have been personality.

The Greatest Gift

NEW light on an age-old question is revealed in this sermon by President Colton. Of prime importance in Latter-day Saint beliefs is a knowledge of God.

President of the Eastern States Mission, comprising the most thickly populated region of the United States, since 1933, President Colton also represented the people of Utah in the United States Congress for twelve years (1920-32). Prior to that he presided over Uintah Stake, in Eastern Utah, for many years.

Where do we find our knowledge that God is a personal God? If He is a personal God and I may become like Him, and if He is my Father and I can learn to know that, that is more desirable than a God diffused throughout space as light and energy, or some of the common gases known so well to the scientist. First, my father and mother say that if I look for Him, I can find a loving, merciful, personal God. I believe them. They have always told me the truth.

The next great step towards finding God is that we shall have the desire. We must want to believe in Him. Truly, there must be something tangible upon which that belief must rest.

I need not argue that to believe in a thing we must know something about it. If that is true, then we should know something of God, His personality, and of the necessity of a proper conduct of human life that will lead us to believe in Him.

It is necessary, not only to have the desire to have a testimony of God, but that we shall be willing to take further steps that are necessary to find Him. This means a willingness to study and think in a positive frame of mind.

If we enter any field of knowledge with a positive attitude, desiring to find God, we are bound to find evidence of His existence. It is almost an axiom that we find in life that for which we look.

We can see the stamp of God in geology, our knowledge of the

earth ; in astronomy, our study of the heavens. We can see it in the chemistry laboratory and under the microscope. Nowhere does correct science disprove the being of God.

But, this is not the whole story. A philosopher has said, "My reason lends new courage to belief, and all God's hidden principles seem plain." Though reason helps us to form belief and conviction from our knowledge, it is not a sure or final guide in our search. It must be supplemented by another principle.

Many years of experience and study have convinced me that some men are not altogether fair in their approach to this important problem. Every day we accept facts in nature, in business, in every line of human research and endeavour, without ourselves being able to take the steps necessary to demonstrate their truthfulness. Indeed, some of them are not demonstrable. Yet, we readily accept them.

When you step into your car, you find that it will go if there is petrol in the tank and if it is mechanically all right. You may not know just how it functions. The only thing you know is that your car has actually gone in the past. There are men who have carefully worked out all the necessary equipment for a car and they know that if all the conditions are proper, it will go. You must rely on the mechanic. Every day you accept things without any question, of which you have no personal knowledge, except what is told you.

MOST of the human family depend upon the testimony and the experience of others for information and knowledge of life and its principles. Why, then, should we not accept the witness of prophets and other leaders, for they are spiritual experts? In addition, then, to having the eternal testimony of the universe and of nature pointing towards God, we have the study of God from inspired writings. These testify abundantly, not only of the steps necessary to find Him, but also the actual witness of hundreds of just men that have found Him. Their testimonies are found in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants and other inspired writings.

The author of the book of Hebrews begins:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son."

I could emphasize "last days," for in this day He hath again, through His Son, spoken unto the prophets.

No more thrilling words were ever written than those in the Doctrine and Covenants :

> And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him : That he lives !
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> For we saw him, even on the right hand of God ; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father. (76 : 22-23.)

We are impressively told by the late President Joseph F. Smith, a man loved and honoured by men of all creeds and all denominations :

> We are not wholly dependent upon the written word for our knowledge

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TREVOR WIGNALL "CHOOSES" SALT LAKE CITY

"With the whole world to choose from (London excepted), where would you want to live?"

This intriguing query greeted readers of London's *Daily Express* (2,000,000 circulation) on the editorial page of Wednesday, October 7. Author of the article was Trevor Wignall, ace writer of the *Express* who imagined that he had been forced to spend the remainder of his life in some locality outside of London. It was therefore his duty to select such a place.

"I am acquainted with most of the big places of the earth," he began, "and in quite a number I have friends who would offer a welcome. But which to pick on to pass the years that are left to me—there was the problem.

"In the end I made a list of the towns and cities I felt were qualified."

Trevor Wignall
Chose Salt Lake City.

One by one, the author went through a list of 35 cities he had selected for consideration. The list included these names: New York, Montreal, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Hamilton (Bermuda), Chicago, Colombo (Ceylon), Paris, Marseilles, Capetown, Le Touquet, Nice, Geneva, San Francisco, Reno, Rome, Copenhagen, Brussels, Berlin, Cologne, Naples, Moscow, Quebec, Kingston (Jamaica), Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Jersey, Detroit, Johannesburg, Boston, Toronto, and Salt Lake City. Of Salt Lake City he had this to say:

"Salt Lake City is not an oil painting, but I like the way it is conducted. I like the theories of the Mormons and their Church, and I like best of all the vast lake so filled with salt that it is impossible to sink."

Finally, in summing up his choice, Mr. Wignall listed six cities in his order of preference, as follows: 1, San Francisco; **2, Salt Lake City**; 3, Quebec; 4, New York; 5, Le Touquet; 6, Bermuda.

The last time Mr. Wignall visited Salt Lake City he wrote in the *Daily Express*:

"Yesterday I devoted myself almost exclusively to investigations about the Mormon faith. For a wandering reporter like myself, this is the easiest town on earth.

"It is possible to walk in almost anywhere without a card or a letter of introduction, or even an appointment, and straight away talk to both the religious and civic leaders. Among those I met, and conversed with, before the lunch hour arrived were Heber J. Grant, the president of the Mormon Church; George Albert Smith, one of the Twelve Apostles who was in charge of the European Mission after the War, and who is known to many in England; John James, an elder in the Church, who is also British vice-consul; John Wells, who was born in Nottingham, and who is today a Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Andrew Jenson, the historian of the Mormons.

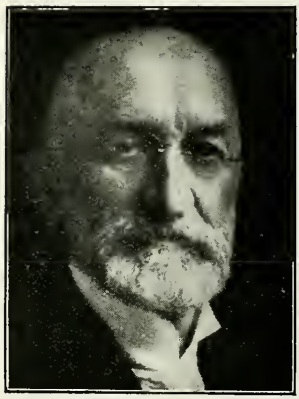
"There were many more, but those are among the principal people of the City, and I feel it a duty to say that their hospitality and kindness since I arrived here have never been surpassed in my experience.

"There may be two opinions about the Mormons, but, although this city has felt the world depression quite as much as most other places, I have discovered that those who embrace the Mormon faith have not been permitted to go hungry."—Parry D. Sorensen.

MARKING ANOTHER MILESTONE

READERS of the *Star* will recall that six months ago, the Church undertook a vast, Church-wide Security Programme, aimed at releasing all members from the "dole" and to make them self-supporting. The results of this enterprise were made known to the public for the first time at the sessions of the 107th Semi-annual Conference held in the historic Tabernacle at Salt Lake City Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 2, 3 and 4.

As thousands of Church members sat in the Tabernacle and many thousands more listened at their radios, they heard President Heber J. Grant, presiding at the opening session on Friday morning, declare:



President Grant

He reported the results of the Security Programme.

> The announced objective set for the Church under this programme was to provide by October 1, 1936 by a wholly voluntary system of gifts in cash or in kind, sufficient food, fuel, clothing and bedding to supply through the coming winter every needy and worthy Church family unable to furnish these for itself, in order that no member of the Church should suffer in these times of stress and emergency.
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> Our primary purpose was to set up, in so far as it might be possible, a system under which the curse of idleness would be done away with, the evils of a dole abolished, and independence, industry, thrift and self-respect be once more established among our people. The aim of the Church is to help the people to help themselves. Work is to be re-enthroned as the ruling principle of the lives of the Church membership.

Then they heard President Grant tell the story of how successful the programme had been thus far, so successful, in fact, that out of 98 stakes reporting, 83 were already fully prepared to take care of their needy members during the winter. The remainder were rapidly approaching that goal.

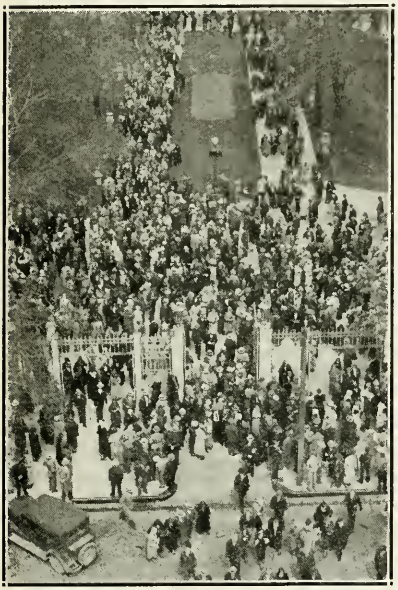
Although the Security Programme furnished the main topic for the 107th Semi-annual Conference, there were many other singular features to make it an outstanding one in Church annals.

Millions of radio listeners over the entire American continent "attended" the Sunday morning session of the conference by way of Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" programme. These millions heard Apostle John A. Widtsoe, who formerly presided over the European Mission, speak on the subject, "What Is Man?" They heard Apostle Melvin J. Ballard tell about "New Witnesses For Christ." These millions heard also the congregation of 10,000 which packed the huge Tabernacle to capacity, sing two Latter-day Saint hymns written by native Britons. The songs were *High on the Mountain Top*, by Ebenezer Beesley, and *Redeemer of Israel*, by William W. Phelps. The singing was conducted by Elder J. Spencer Cornwall, director of the Tabernacle Choir.

It was the second time that the "Church of the Air," which is released by some seventy stations in the United States and Canada, had featured the Latter-day Saint Conference.

The "Church of the Air" broadcast was preceded by the regular Sunday morning concert of the Tabernacle Choir which is released over the Columbia chain. The Choir programme is now the oldest regular national broadcast in America, having first begun in 1929.

Another noteworthy event of the Conference was the report of Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon, who revealed that the Mormon Church now ranks twelfth in total membership among the churches of the United States as against fourteenth a few years ago and has shown a bigger growth in percentage than any other denomination, Bishop Cannon stated.



A Conference Crowd Leaves the Temple Grounds

This year many singular instances made the Conference outstanding.

Ten members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles were in attendance at the Conference. Absent members were President Richard R. Lyman, now presiding over the European Mission, and Elder Joseph F. Merrill, former president who was then on his way home.

Besides the General Authorities, presidents of the missions in the United States, Canada and Mexico were in attendance at the Conference. The Relief Society's "Singing Mothers," directed by Sister Charlotte O. Sackett furnished music for the Saturday sessions.

Preliminary to the General Conference, the Relief Society, oldest existing women's organization in the United States, held its semi-annual conference. Sister Louise Y. Robison, general president presided over the two-day meet Wednesday and Thursday, September 30 and October 1. President David O. McKay was principal speaker at the opening session of the Conference.

A paper, "The Development of Spirituality Through the Social Service Department," prepared by Sister Amy Brown Lyman, first counsellor to Sister Robison, and now consulting adviser for women's auxiliaries in the European Mission, was read by Sister Emeline Y. Nebeker. Full cooperation in administering the Security Programme was pledged by the Relief Society members.

Another significant milestone was passed with the Conference, significant because it proved that Latter-day Saints have once again conquered a new frontier with their Security Programme. They can face the approaching winter assured that ample means are available for all.—PARRY D. SORENSEN.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1936

EDITORIAL

THE RESTORED GOSPEL AND ITS SIX HUNDRED MARTYRS

ON Sunday the twentieth of September, near Omaha, Nebraska, U. S. A., a multitude of about three thousand assembled to do honour to the six hundred Mormon pioneers who lie in unmarked graves in the old cemetery and to dedicate to their memory a huge monument made of bronze.

The whole service was a profound and impressive expression of admiration and appreciation for those brave and daring saints whose remains were laid in early graves on the great American desert as a result of their heroic struggle to assist in establishing in the tops of the mountains that kingdom of God which the ancient prophet says "is to stand forever."

The praise given was great. It could not be greater than is deserved. Those loyal saints dared much. They left their native countries for the Gospel's sake. With deliberation they entered upon that life of hardships ending in the supreme sacrifice. They are martyrs.

Many of these daring ones came from Great Britain. Their native land has good cause to be proud of them. In their dramatic part in the westward movement and their courage in meeting death, they exhibited the spirit of their native land as this was expressed by that noble Englishman, Lord Nelson, the world's greatest naval hero, when he said, "Damn the signal to retreat! Hoist mine for closer fighting, and nail it to the mast!" They put their all upon the altar, the sacrifice they made has been accepted, and "He who died for all on Calvary has welcomed these brave soldiers of the cross into eternal peace!"

And is it any wonder that such faith and intense religious zeal burned in their breasts! They had faith in the restored Gospel which teaches that the silence of the heavens for ages has been broken. An angel has appeared. A modern prophet has been brought forth by the power of God. Heavenly personages, no less than God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ have come to earth. By their divine power they have established here again the Gospel of the Master with all the necessary keys, rights, and authority to carry on the preaching of this truth and to perform all the sacred ordinances of baptism, confirmation, ordination, etc., necessary for the education, uplift, progress and happiness of people here on earth and for their salvation and eternal joy hereafter.

With the restoration of the Priesthood, the authority to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, those to whom this commission was given began their work. Converts at first were few, but later people joined the Church by thousands.

The missionaries who were doing this converting were not trained preachers, they were not educated ministers; their principal qualification was the divine authority which they had received from heaven. As the scriptures say, these elders gathered up the faithful, the chosen few, "One of a city and two of a family" (Jeremiah 3: 14), and brought them together in numbers

so great that at the time of the martyrdom of the Prophet, 1844, the population of Nauvoo, then the headquarters of the Church, had reached twenty thousand.

These twenty thousand were driven from their homes in the dead of winter. Those who crossed the Mississippi first did so on the ice. In his tribute of honour to these worthy and noble dead, President Heber J. Grant said: "In the cold and storm of that first night of the encampment, nine babies were born while their mothers lay in tents, in covered wagons, and in rude huts; and these mothers were not savages, nor forest or prairie wanderers who had been hardened to cold and storm and exposure and hardship. They were mothers of refinement and culture who were accustomed to the comforts and delicacies of modern civilization."

And this driving of twenty thousand inhabitants from their homes in the dead of winter did not occur in Russia, nor in the middle ages! It occurred in the heart of modern America in the year of our Lord 1846. It was the religious zeal, it was the positive knowledge of the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith and of this newly revealed authority and religion which made it possible for these faithful ones to endure such hardship.

The people had committed no crime. They had done no wrong. They desired only an opportunity to live in accordance with and follow unmolested, the example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They were seeking an opportunity to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience.

From Nauvoo these homeless folks went westward five hundred miles. Here they paused at what they called Winter Quarters, which is now Florence, Nebraska, and waited for spring to come. Some of them had been tarred and feathered. Their leaders had been murdered. The trials of these pilgrims had been great, their preparatory experiences severe. Prisons, mobs, persecution, hunger and other hardships failed to dampen their religious ardor. They were genuinely converted. To them having been thus driven, robbed and persecuted, the following words of the Master gave great satisfaction, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." (Matthew 5: 11-12.)

From 1846, when the expulsion from Nauvoo began, until 1869, when the trans-continental railroad was completed, six thousand devoted pioneers were buried in the wastes of the great American desert. Of these, six hundred lie in the old Mormon cemetery, where the monument of bronze, constructed to do them honour, was so recently unveiled and dedicated.

This spot, already sacred because of those whose bodies here lie buried, is all the more sacred and hallowed now because of the presence of this historic monument. And since the six hundred whose remains lie in this one small cemetery are in graves unmarked and therefore in a sense unknown, this hallowed place has taken on a symbolism like that of the Grave of the Unknown Soldier.

Peace be to the remains of these worthy dead. They will come forth in glory on that resurrection day when the great trump will sound. May their children and their children's children, until the last generation, be worthy of their distinguished ancestors, and may all who hear their story meet life with greater courage and higher faith.—RICHARD R. LYMAN.

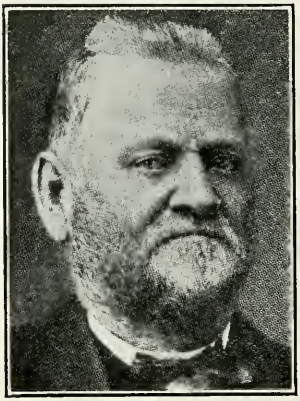
WHEN THE HOLY LAND WAS DEDICATED

By Elder Parry D. Sorensen

A MOST interesting and significant movement is taking place today with the return of the Jews to Palestine. Derelict for centuries, this country is again becoming the Holy Land of Israel. From the four corners of the earth hosts of Jews are coming, thus fulfilling many ancient prophecies which predicted their gathering in the last days.

Not only the words of Jeremiah and Isaiah, uttered nearly 3,000 years ago, but also modern prophecies are seeing their fulfillment in this great movement.

On Sunday morning, October 24, 1841, Elder Orson Hyde, one of the first Apostles to be called in this dispensation, offered a prayer of dedication from the top of the sacred Mount where the Saviour met with His disciples nearly 2,000 years before. There, alone, in silence, he dedicated the holy soil for its rehabilitation by the Children of Israel and the House of Judah.



Orson Hyde

His prophecy is seeing fulfillment.

Elder Hyde had left Nauvoo, Illinois, a year and a half before without purse or scrip to perform this sacred mission. The 8,000 mile journey had been made under the most trying circumstances. On one occasion he wrote to Elder Parley P. Pratt, at that time editor of the *Millennial Star*:

> I have not time to tell you how many days I have been at sea without food, or how many snails I have eaten; but if I had had plenty of them, I should have done very well.

Let us go back to the beginning of this absorbing story and see how this Apostle came to be chosen for such an important mission and some of the events which preceded and followed it.

Orson Hyde was a Campbellite minister when he heard and accepted the truths of Mormonism in 1831. After being baptized, the Prophet Joseph Smith confirmed him a member of the Church and pronounced this blessing upon his head:

> In due time thou shalt go to Jerusalem, the land of thy fathers, and be a watchman unto the house of Israel; and by thy hands shall the Most High do a great work, which shall prepare the way and greatly facilitate the gathering of that people.

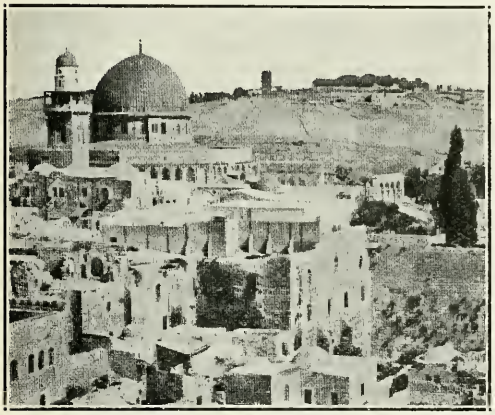
Almost a decade later, on April 6, 1840, Elder Hyde was called for the mission to Jerusalem. Already he had spent many years in missionary work both in America and abroad. He was among the first to bring the Gospel to Great Britain. (*Star*, July 23, 1936). But such a call as he now received promised far different experiences. The credentials issued to him upon departure read:

> The Jewish nations have been scattered abroad among the Gentiles for

a long period; and in our estimation, the time of the commencement of their return to the Holy Land has already arrived.

Beginning this responsible mission, without purse or scrip, Elder Hyde held a meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on his way from Nauvoo to New York. After the meeting a stranger approached him, handed him a purse of gold, and asked only that he might be remembered in the prayer at Jerusalem.

Though insufficient to care for all his needs, the money was a boon to him on that long journey. Upon reaching Jerusalem a year and a half later he remembered that stranger, whose name he did not even know. After dedicating the land, as he was commanded to do, Elder Hyde erected a pile of stones as a witness according to the ancient custom.



Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives

To the land of their forefathers the Jews are now returning.

Singular as this incident was, further evidence that Elder Hyde's mission was divinely inspired is offered by a prophecy he made a short time later. It is contained in a letter which he wrote from Trieste, Austria in January, 1842 to Elder Pratt. The letter was published in the March, 1842 issue of the *Millennial Star*. An excerpt from it states:

> It was by political power and influence that the Jewish nation was broken down, and the subjects dispersed abroad; and I will here hazard the opinion, that by political power and influence they will be gathered and built up; and further, that *England* is destined in the wisdom and economy of heaven to stretch forth the arm of political power and advance in the front ranks of this glorious enterprise.

Many have predicted the return of the Jews to Palestine. But, who, three-quarters of a century before has foretold so vividly the very nation which would play the leading role in the movement.

More than 75 years after that publication, General Sir Edmund Allenby peaceably took possession of Jerusalem on December 11, 1917 with British troops. Later, Britain was given a mandate over Palestine.

At the memorable day of that dedication on the Mount of Olives there were only 7,000 Jews in Jerusalem. Today, more than 350,000 inhabit the land of their forefathers, nearly fifty times the previons population.

The world knows little of that pile of stones Elder Hyde erected on that October morn, 95 years ago. But those covenant people are returning to the Holy Land under the leadership of the very nation he named. What more vindication does a prophet need?

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of God. We depend upon God as He reveals Himself today and administers unto men by the power of His Holy Spirit. And all men in the world, not only the Latter-day Saints, but those who have never embraced the Gospel, have the same privilege that we have, if they take the course which God has marked out.

It is their privilege to come to the knowledge of this truth and to understand these things for themselves. We have derived this knowledge from the Lord, not from man. Man cannot give this knowledge; I may tell you that I know, but that is not knowledge to you. If I have learned something through prayer, supplication, and perseverance in seeking to know the truth, and I tell it to you, it will not be knowledge unto you. I can tell you how to obtain it, but I cannot give it to you. If we receive this knowledge, it must come from the Lord. He can touch your understanding and your spirits, so that you shall comprehend perfectly and not be mistaken. But I cannot do that. You can obtain this knowledge through repentance, humility, and seeking the Lord with full purpose of heart until you find Him. He is not afar off.

It is not difficult to approach Him, if you will only do it with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, as did Nephi of old. This was the way in which Joseph Smith, in his boyhood, approached Him. He went into the woods, knelt down, and in humility he sought earnestly to know which Church was acceptable to God. He received an answer to his prayer which he offered from the depths of his heart, and he received it in a way that he did not expect.

This is our final step in coming to know God—the personal experience of spiritual contact. It is the individual application of the principle of revelation from God to man. Joseph Smith has taught us that everyone desiring a testimony of God may find it just as definitely as he did, if he will seek for it in the proper way.

When we finally find God, we shall realize that all the steps we have taken are natural, reasonable and convincing. We shall discover that the process which brings us to a complete knowledge rests in following the admonition of the Lord Jesus, "If any man will do His will, he shall know!"

God can be found. The road to discovering Him has been followed by the very best men and women of the ages, and always with the same result.

If we do the Lord's will, if we serve Him and keep His commandments and love our fellowmen, and show that love by acts of service and helpfulness, then as a crowning reward we will receive the knowledge that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.—(Adapted from a radio address delivered over Station KSL in Salt Lake City.)

SCOTTISH DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICE

SESSIONS of Scottish District conference will convene in Woodside Cooperative Hall, Clarendon Street, near St. George's Cross, Glasgow, Sunday, October 25, at 10 and 11 a.m., and 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Presidents Richard R. Lyman and Joseph J. Cannon will be speakers. The illustrated lecture, "Temples of God," will be given in the Glasgow Branch hall, 7 Ashley Street, off Woodlands Road, Saturday, October 24, at 7 p.m.

Newcastle District conference sessions will convene in Queen's Hall, Fowler Street, South Shields, Sunday, November 1, at 10 and 11 a.m. and at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Presidents Lyman and Cannon will speak. The illustrated lecture, "Temples of God," will be given in the same hall Saturday, October 31, at 7:30 p.m.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Synthetic food, including carbohydrates, fats and proteins can be made from sawdust, Dr Friedrich Bergius, Heidelberg chemist, announced at a gathering of scientists recently. Cattle have been fed successfully on food synthesized from wood for some time, and by modifying the method of manufacture it is converted into food for human needs.

First stewardess to fly the Atlantic aboard the Zeppelin *Hindenburg* is Fraulein Imhoff, who made the crossing on the huge craft recently. She was engaged for the stewardess job because of the increasing number of women and children passengers making the trips.

Stabilization of the currencies of Britain, France and America was accomplished recently, when finance officials of the three nations announced that an agreement had been reached upon a devaluation amounting to between 25 and 34 per cent on the franc. It means that the £ will now exchange for from 96 to 103 francs, thereby eliminating the uncertainty that formerly existed when fluctuations were much more pronounced. For example, a short time ago 75 francs exchanged for the £, as compared with 125 five years ago. Later in the same day, Switzerland decided to follow France in devaluing her currency, and a few hours later Holland decided to abandon the gold standard. Probably of more importance than the actual devaluation move, officials and observers said, is the agreement reached by the three great countries to maintain their currencies at a certain fixed rate permitting, of course, minor fluctuations.

HULL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

PRESIDENTS RICHARD R. LYMAN and Joseph J. Cannon were principal speakers at Hull District conference sessions held Sunday, October 18 in Hull Branch Chapel.

Latter-day Saint ideals in marriage and home life were stressed by President Lyman. Adequate preparation for the problems of life was pointed out as essential for happy and successful lives.

President Cannon dealt with the Mormon belief in universal salvation. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is applicable to everyone, and is, therefore, being preached in the spirit world to those who did not have the opportunity to accept it on earth, he stated.

Brother Arthur Ransom, first counsellor in the district presidency, conducted the evening session. Elder Darrell L. Brady also spoke. A vocal duet was sung by Sisters Gladys Elloway and Lucy Good and the "Singing Mothers and Daughters" of Hull Branch furnished a number.

Afternoon session speakers were Presidents Lyman and Cannon, Supervising Elder Leland W. Thomas, Lee S. Manwill, Benjamin H. Glade, Lewis W. Jones and Parry D. Sorensen. Music was furnished by Grimsby Branch's "Singing Mothers." President George Walker conducted.

The morning session speakers were President Walker, who gave the district report, President Cannon, and Elders Darrell L. Brady, Francis W. Cox and Bryant H. Croft. A vocal duet was sung by Sisters Amelia Ransom and Hilda Twidale.

A testimony meeting was also held Sunday morning.

The illustrated lecture, "Temples of God," was presented in the branch chapel Saturday evening, at 7:30.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

After attending the International Women's Council at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, an official delegate of the United States National Council of Women, Sister Amy Brown Lyman, consulting adviser for women's auxiliaries in the European missions and second counsellor in the general presidency of the Women's Relief Society, returned to London Friday, October 16. Sessions of the Council were held in Dubrovnik from September 28 to October 9. Representatives from more than thirty nations were present at the Council. Sister Lyman returned from Dubrovnik with a party of Britain's representatives.

Mormonism will again be taught at the University of Southern California (10,000 enrollment) during the 1936-37 school year, the Church Board of Education announced in appointing Elder Byron Done to instruct classes in religious education at the institution during the coming year. Elder Done will succeed Apostle John A. Widtsoe, who inaugurated the classes last year at the invitation of school officials. Although the University of Southern California is a Methodist institution, it last year invited the Church to appoint an instructor to teach religious education classes for which full college credit was given. Inaugurated as an experiment, success of the classes justified their continuation this year. Elder Done has previously been in charge of the Church Seminary at Blackfoot, Idaho. Assisting Elder Done will be Elder G. Homer Durham, former travelling elder in the British Mission (1933-35). Elder Durham will direct the activities of the Deseret Clubs at the University of California at Los Angeles, and Los Angeles Junior College.

Elected vice-president of the American Bankers' Association at its annual convention in San Francisco, California, was Elder Orval W. Adams, Church auditor and executive vice-president of the Utah State National Bank. Elder Adams will automatically succeed to the presidency of the Association next year. He is a former member of the University Ward bishopric in Salt Lake City. Elder Adams laboured in Great Britain as a travelling elder and European Mission secretary (1913-14). His two sons, Elders Lane W. Adams and Allen N. Adams have also laboured in the British Mission.

Commemorating the 109th anniversary of the delivery of the Golden Plates of the Book of Mormon to the Prophet Joseph Smith, services were held in Palmyra, New York, near the Hill Cumorah where the plates were deposited, on Sunday, September 20. Principal speaker at the services was Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of Twelve Apostles, grand-nephew of the Prophet. Elder Smith also spoke at services the same day in Canandaigue and Rochester, New York.

Visitor at the European Mission office last week was Hon. William R. Wallace, chairman of the Utah State Planning Board and Salt Lake City's "First Citizen for 1933." Mr. Wallace has been on a two months' tour of the British Isles and the principal countries of Europe. Combining business with pleasure, he has been observing what the various countries are doing to improve the living conditions of their citizens. Mr. Wallace, who is a personal friend of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and President Richard R. Lyman have been chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Utah Water Storage Commission since its organization in 1922. He sailed for Quebec on the *Empress of Britain* Saturday, October 17.

Elder Eric H. Anderson, brother-in-law of President Richard R. Lyman, passed away at his home in Magna, Utah, Friday, October 16, according to word received at the European Mission Office. Active in Church work all his life, Elder Anderson was senior president of a Seventies Quorum in Oquirrh Stake at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Sister Ida Lyman Anderson, three daughters and two sons.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Arrival—Elder John M. Brown (American Fork, Utah) arrived October 10 from the Swiss-German Mission. He will labour in Liverpool District.

Appointment — Elder Parley P. Giles was appointed Supervising Elder of Irish District October 5.

Doings in the Districts: ***Bristol*** — Supervising Elder Douglas L. Anderson lectured before the Women's Adult School in Bristol Tuesday, September 29. The group requested Elder Anderson and Elder J. Glen Burdett to give two additional lectures.

Hull—Ada Simpson was baptized Sunday, October 4, by Elder Joseph S. Wood and confirmed by Elder Clarence B. Cannon. The baptismal service was conducted by Elder Lewis Jones in Wellington Lane Chapel, Hull.

Sheffield—A unique Speech Festival was held Saturday, September 26, in Rawmarsh Branch hall under the direction of a committee including Brothers Joseph T. Quinney, Alvin Ianson-Holton, and Sister Muriel Ianson-Holton. Two sessions were devoted to public speaking, music and debating. District President George H. Bailey presented competitive-earned prizes to the following: Brothers George Hamstead, Peter Hamstead, Alvin Ianson-Holton, and Sisters Olive Snow, Elsie Quinney and Muriel Ianson-Holton.

Have You Tried It?

MANY of our readers have found that a weekly "Home Night" adds new interest to their family circle. Have you ever observed one? If not, you have a real treat coming. Read this description in the words of a Latter-day Saint boy:

"Our family sets aside some night in each week to get together. We have it always when father is not working night shift. He wants to be with us. Sometimes I have to postpone a night with my friends, but I've found it worth the effort.

"Gathered around the fireside, we like to study the *Millennial Star*. In this way I have learned many things which we don't get in Sunday School. The remainder of the evening is devoted to a short programme. Some of us recite poems. Mother usually tells a story with a moral, and father makes us laugh by something which we don't expect. Family prayer and strawberry tart is the general climax to a happy evening."

This vivid picture is typical of many Latter-day Saint homes. What could a "Home Night" do in yours?

District President George H. Bailey, Elder Willard L. Fullmer, and Sister Rose B. Bailey were speakers at the evening session of Sheffield Branch Conference held Sunday, September 27, in Sheffield Branch Chapel under the direction of Branch President Harry V. Bailey. The afternoon session programme was rendered by the Sunday School and Primary Associations directed by Sisters Elizabeth Mattinson and Rita Hardy.

Doncaster Branch Conference was held Sunday, October 11. Speakers at the evening session were Branch President Alva D. Greene, District President George H. Bailey, and Brother James Burton, Sen.

Proceeds from the annual Harvest Festival held Saturday, October 10, in Doncaster Branch Hall, went into the Branch Sunday School Fund.

Leeds — More than a hundred people attended the Bradford

Branch annual Harvest Festival service Sunday, September 27. The programme, "Service of Song," was directed by Relief Society President Lilly M. Ratcliffe, aided by Sister Clara Evans. A fruit banquet was held in Bradford Branch Monday, September 28.

Manchester—Hyde Branch Harvest Thanksgiving service was held Sunday, October 11, under the direction of Branch President Albert Woodruff. Speakers were Supervising Elder Vernon A. Cooley and District President William Gregson.

At baptismal services held Sunday, October 11 in Manchester Branch Chapel, Alice Dunbar was baptized by Elder Richard S. Tanner and confirmed by Elder Stanley H. Heal, and Miriam Gertrude Dunbar was baptized by Elder Heal and confirmed by Elder Tanner. They are members of Rochdale Branch.

Illustrated lectures held in Rochdale Branch hall recently were presented before Rochdale Toc H Club by Supervising Elder Vernon A. Cooley and Elder Blaine D. Fisher, and also before Rochdale Cycling Club by Elder Woodrow D. Marriot and Elder Blaine D. Fisher.

Nottingham — District President Samuel Pears and Elder Keith M. McMurrin were speakers at Derby Branch conference and Harvest Festival held Sunday, October 4. Branch President Frank Orme presided. Sisters Charlotte Orme and Emma Bradley, and Brothers S. George Bradley and Thomas W. Anthony rendered a quartette vocal number.

Birmingham—Branch President William T. Nightingale, Brother Clarence G. Linnett, and Brother William Seckinten were speakers at the Harvest Thanksgiving service held in Nuneaton Branch Sunday, October 4, under the direction of the Branch Presidency. Musical numbers were rendered by the Singing Mothers, and a vocal solo by Sister Muriel Hunter.

DEATHS

JOHNSON—Brother James Joseph Johnson, a member of Preston Branch died Friday, October 9, after a prolonged illness. Branch President Dale L. Barton and Brother Clifford Hartley were speakers at the funeral services conducted by President Barton in the Johnson home. Supervising Elder David Y. Rogers dedicated the grave in Preston cemetery.

SWORDER—Alan, age 3 months, infant son of Brother and Sister Sidney Sworder, members of Derby Branch, died October 10 in the Derby City Hospital.

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